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## REPORT.

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The Selectmen charge themselves as follows :

Cash in the hands of the Treasurer, March 6, 1862,	\$482 03
Outstanding taxes for 1857,	15 15
"          "      1858,	9 93
"          "      1859,	64 56
"          "      1861,	644 18
State, county, town, school and high school tax, 1861,	5105 27
Non-resident tax,	62 23
Received of Lewis Lord,	71 73
Literary Fund,	119 07
Received of Rufus G. Burleigh,	680 00
Reimbursed by the State, for State aid,	676 99
Received of Austin F. Pike,	1000 00
Hiram Gordon,	1000 00
Julia A. Southworth,	170 00
Moses Fuller,	100 00
Samuel W. Bartlett,	60 00
John H. Rowell,	1500 00
Lewis M. Davis,	200 00
Hollis W. Fairbanks, Jr.,	100 00
Wm. P. Kinsman,	100 00
Andover Christian Institute,	672 00
Railroad tax,	696 55
John W. Richardson,	500 00
Marcus M. French,	60 00
E. G. Wallace,	150 00
Poor Farm,	80 00
County of Merrimack,	416 83
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	\$14736 52

Which is accounted for as follows :

*Outstanding Claims.*

Paid Jonathan Taylor, for breaking roads,	\$4 45
Moses S. Morse, " "	4 20
John Collins, for shovelling snow off of Fed. bridge	2 00
Alonzo B. Gove, for breaking roads,	3 17
Harvey N. Ingalls, for work on poor farm,	13 11
Jacob D. Sanborn, for breaking roads,	7 17
J. W. Sweatt, services as selectman,	5 00
J. W. Sweatt, board of selectmen and horses,	5 50
Rufus L. Tay, for breaking roads,	6 00
Interest on Abigail Walker note,	148 32
Hiram Bennet, for breaking roads,	4 30
Rufus Manuel, " "	6 00
Samuel Haynes, " "	80
Solomon Dodge, " "	3 30
Stephen Gerrish, for referees on Moor's horse case,	7 00
Stephen Gerrish, time and expense to Canterbury,	2 50
" " services as selectman,	4 00
Frederick Flanders, for breaking roads,	7 36
Stephen Gerrish, for Postage,	2 50
Dr. S. B. Kelley, for medical attendance,	20 00
Dr. Geo. E. Spencer, " "	20 00
N. H. Sanborn, by order of Daniel Barnard,	2 72
J. W. Sweatt, balance of school money in Dist. No. 10,	25 00
Wm. Holmes, for breaking road,	6 00
Alfred A. Weare, for breaking roads,	12 32
Patrick Garitty, " "	10 60
P. B. Cogswell, for printing reports, 1862.	19 00
Titus H. Wardsworth, for breaking roads,	5 58
Geo. C. Ward, for breaking roads in Dist. No. 17,	8 00
T. D. Burleigh, " " " No. 15,	11 40
Joseph Smith, for bridge plank,	3 36
Patrick Kelley, for digging grave,	2 00
J. F. Daniell, John Clark and Wm. F. Thompson, committee to examine Sanborn bridge,	7 50
Expense for reports for 1862,	2 50
Enoch Jones, for breaking roads,	1 00
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	\$393 66



*Town Expenses for 1862-3.*

Paid E. D. Eastman, for blank books and stationery,	\$6 62
Ward & Humphrey, hemp rope for town clock,	4 37
J. F. Daniell & Son, for one blank book,	25
Cyrus P. Bachelder, for guide boards,	11 00
A. A. Smith, Supt. School Committee,	9 25
H. C. Dugan, " "	13 25
Wm. T. Savage, " "	22 50
Repair of Fire Engine, hose and express,	1 75
O. B. Davis, collecting tax of 1861,	9 98
Hiram Fifield, oiling engine hose,	3 50
Jasper H. Cilley, care of town hall and hearse,	7 00
S. E. Bickford, services as Town Clerk,	15 00
" copying old inventory and extra expense,	12 83
Time and expense to Canterbury, on account of pauper,	2 50
Time and expense to Bridgewater, on account of pauper,	3 00
Time and expense to Concord, on acc't of pauper,	2 50
J. W. B. Clement, care of Fire Engine,	5 79
Pike & Barnard,	42 02
J. W. Sweatt, for board of Selectmen and horses,	24 25
O. B. Davis, collecting taxes of 1862,	71 20
Affadavits of Mrs Holt and David Morrill,	1 00
Certificates from Bristol, Andover and Northfield,	2 10
Time and expense of looking up the settlement of county paupers, Mrs. Daniels and Mrs. Morrill,	10 25
Time and expense to Hill, on account of pauper,	1 00
" " Andover, " "	2 40
Wallace Burleigh, services as Selectman,	65 00
George Morrison, " "	48 50
Benjamin S. Hancock, " "	44 00
Wallace Burleigh, as Treasurer,	20 00
Expense of taking inventory,	4 85
Express, Postage, &c.,	2 48
Time and expense to Concord,	2 50
" " Sanbornton Square, on account of pauper,	2 00
Time and expense to Fisherville, on account of Mrs. Holt,	2 00
Time and expense to Concord, on acc't of Merrill,	2 50
" " " after State aid,	2 50

Paid Time and expense to Concord, Railroad tax,	\$2 50
“ “ settling with the county,	4 50
Expense to Bristol, on account of a pauper,	1 90
Time and expense to Northfield,	1 50
“ “ enlisting nine months' Vol- unteers,	10 00
Surveyor and other expenses on Andover line,	2 60
Revenue stamps,	65
Expenses of committee on soldiers' families,	6 50
Committee on soldiers' families for services,	44 00
Enrolling and returning the militia in July and August,	25 00
Time on Andover line,	10 50
O. B. Davis, for board of selectmen and horses,	21 50
Payroll of Fire engine company,	56 81
Auditor of accounts,	1 00
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	\$650 60

*Outstanding Notes and Interest.*

Paid Mitchell Gilmore, note and interest,	\$523 50
LeRoy W. Sanborn, interest,	1 12
Interest on Abigail Walker note,	66 00
E. A. Sweatt, note and interest,	24 00
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	\$614 62

*Roads and Bridges, 1862-3.*

Paid Geo. L. Peabody, for iron work,	\$1 00
A. Barnes, for work on road,	3 00
Horace S. Judkins, for bridge plank,	3 36
Fred. R. Quimby, for work on road,	6 10
Francis Shaw, for building culvert,	15 00
Benj. S. Hancock, for bridge plank,	3 63
Harrison Hancock, for covering stone,	4 00
Clarke & Thompson, for bridge plank,	19 30
Clarke, Thompson & Co., for bridge plank,	100 18
J. H. Rowell, for oil, lanterns, &c., for Republican bridge,	15 82
H. P. Eaton, for building culvert,	28 55
Simeon R. Brown, building double culvert,	148 00
John Pettengill, for work on bridge,	1 00
A. G. Morrison, for bridge plank,	1 43



Paid Ezekiel Colby, for bridge plank and timber,	\$11 44
Hiram Fifield, for lighting bridge	15 00
“ “ for lantern, &c.	89
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	\$378 37

*External Poor, 1862-3.*

Paid Geo. B. Calef, for board of Alfred A. Calef,	\$20 71
“ “ for extra expense and funeral charges	12 58
D. H. Clement, for board of Anna D. Sanborn,	39 75
City of Concord, for support of Mrs. Holt,	56 96
Joseph G. Judkins for Mrs. Daniels,	4 84
Mrs. Rollins,	3 00
Town of Boscawen, for Mrs. Holt,	25 00
Town of Bridgewater, for Sally Marston,	5 93
N. H. Sanborn, for Mrs. Daniels,	16 67
Town of Sanbornton, for Mrs. Bean,	8 50
Lyman Cheney, for coffin,	4 00
White & Richardson, for Mrs. Daniels,	2 00
Franklin Mills, “ “	5 69
Mrs. Daniels' family,	13 00
Mrs. Morrill,	3 00
John S. Pevare, for pauper,	3 00
Transient pauper,	1 00
Alfred A. Calef,	2 50
Lewis Load, for Alfred A. Calef,	2 00
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	\$233 13

*County Paupers, 1862-3.*

Paid Wm. Arlin, for Ash family,	\$1 00
Mrs. Bean, for Cyrus Stephens family,	4 00
Harriet Huntoon, “ “	1 17
Transient paupers,	9 00
Mrs. Rollins, for Cyrus Stephens family,	1 00
Mrs. Hall, “ “	1 00
J. P. Dolloff, for Hannah Brown,	5 30
Eben. Fellows, for board of Sally Gove,	52 00
Dr. S. B. Kelley, for Sophia Cogswell,	15 00
“ “ Oretta C. Bean,	2 00
“ “ Betsy Ash,	4 25
“ “ Priscilla Brown,	5 50
Francis Shaw, digging grave,	2 00

Paid Isaac Whittier, for Betsey Ash family,	\$25 38
N. H. Sanborn, for Hannah Brown,	1 88
David Gilchrist & Co., for Hannah Brown,	2 13
“ “ “ Priscilla Brown,	8 15
“ “ “ Betsey Ash,	8 26
“ “ “ John B. Clay,	36 26
White & Richardson, for Betsey Ash,	1 88
“ “ John B. Clay,	3 62
Franklin Mills, for Hannah Brown,	9 80
John B. Clay, for board of Howe child,	19 00
J. F. Daniell & Son, for Hannah Brown,	8 00
J. F. Daniell & Son, for Priscilla Brown,	31 30
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	\$258 78

*Poor Farm, 1862-3.*

Paid John S. Pevare, for one cow,	\$25 00
Moses K. Smith, blacksmith work,	1 05
Wm. Chase, for carding wool,	4 03
Horace S. Judkins, for hay,	5 50
J. G. Carlton, blacksmith work,	2 87
J. W. Clement & Son, repairing wagon,	68
Joseph G. Judkins, for beef,	10 30
Davis & Bean, store bill,	37 41
O. B. Davis' bill,	138 07
O. B. Davis, for pigs and use of wagon,	8 50
John Shaw, for shoemaking,	16 80
Jeshua Johnson, for corn and rye,	2 40
Asa P. Thompson, for measuring timber,	2 25
Benj. S. Hancock, “ “	4 50
J. H. Rowell, store bill,	12 66
Hiram Fifield, work on harnesses,	3 50
D. Gilchrist & Co., store bill,	40 92
John S. Pevare, for pasturing sheep,	5 00
John S. Pevare, for use of cart, wagon and cook stove 3 years,	19 00
John S. Pevare, salary as overseer,	155 00
Ezekiel ——— for pasturing oxen,	3 00
David Gilchrist & Co., store bill,	12 33
Samuel Judkins, for cooper work,	1 05
White & Richardson, store bill,	47 27
James Morse, for salary,	50 00
Sundry bills,	28 47

Paid Geo. Morrison, for cart and wheels,	\$40 00
J. F. Daniell & Son, bill,	5 56
C. & E. C. Stone, store bill,	4 66
S. W. Stone's bill,	4 12
David Burleigh, for one yoke of cattle,	90 00
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	\$781 90

*Statement of Poor Farm, 1862-3.*

Inventory of 1862,	\$1050 16
Sundry bills, including warden's salary,	781 90
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	\$1832 16
Inventory of 1863,	\$980 80
Received for board of county pauper,	160 60
Received for old oxen,	80 00
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	\$1221 40
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Expense of Town Farm,	\$610 66

*Incidental Expense for 1862-3.*

Paid Wm. Holmes, for damage of horse and wagon,	\$10 00
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*State and County Tax.*

Paid State Tax,	\$448 80
County Tax,	1044 53
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	\$1493 33

*Outstanding Taxes.*

Outstanding Taxes for 1857,	\$15 15
Outstanding Taxes for 1858,	9 93
Outstanding Taxes for 1862,	359 25
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	\$384 33

*Abatement of Taxes.*

Abatements for 1859,	\$26 56
Abatements for 1861,	22 83
Abatements for 1862,	61 01
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	\$110 50

Non-Resident Highway Receipts,	\$8 47
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*School Money, 1862-3.*

School District No. 1,	\$172 63
“ “ 2,	102 66
“ “ 3,	489 29
“ “ 4,	80 87
“ “ 5,	107 14
“ “ 6,	67 12
“ “ 8,	68 83
“ “ 9,	71 22
“ “ 10,	387 55
“ “ 11,	65 84
“ “ 12,	34 47
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	\$1647 62
School District No. 3,	100 00
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	\$1747 62

*Bounties to three years Volunteers.*

Paid James Cate, Jr.,	\$25 00
Charles J. Pike,	37 00
Benj. J. Barnes,	37 00
James P. Simonds,	17 00
John Flynn,	37 00
George F. Sweatt,	7 00
Joseph Atkinson,	37 00
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	\$197 00

*Bounties to nine months Volunteers.*

Paid Capt. Jona. P. Sanborn,	\$200 00
Amon T. Cate,	200 00
Daniel R. Woodward,	200 00
Wm. H. Keazer,	200 00
Henry F. Gardner,	200 00
Solomon Cook,	200 00
David W. Pevare,	200 00
Moses K. Smith,	200 00
Geo. Greene,	200 00
Enoch B. Hancock,	200 00
Hiram Colby,	200 00
Lewis M. Davis,	200 00
Joseph Thompson,	200 00
Charles C. Morrison,	200 00
Daniel T. Cate,	200 00

Paid Fred. W. Ballou,	\$200 00
True P. Whittier,	200 00
Wm. P. Kinsman,	200 00
Jesse H. Bennett,	200 00
Holis W. Fairbanks, Jr.,	200 00
Calvin Sanborn,	200 00
Wm. A. Gile,	200 00
Charles E. Thompson,	200 00
	<hr/> \$4600 00

*State Aid paid to three years Volunteer Families.*

Paid Mrs. Louisa A. Blake,	\$132 00
Harriett Ash,	26 83
Sarah Breed,	67 60
Hannah Bruce,	11 00
Alvira Buel,	15 00
Rebecca Colby,	16 60
Susan Colby,	93 00
Harriett M. Hunt,	104 40
Nellie Ingalls,	25 50
Almira F. Rowe,	128 40
Orilla S. Whitney,	102 00
Annie E. Sanborn,	80 00
Tacy Ash,	84 00
Ann M. Sanborn,	89 00
Deborah Barnes,	44 68
Nancy P. Simonds,	52 00
Martha J. Stephens,	54 00
Eliza Kelley,	68 00
Melissa A. Frost,	12 00
Catharine Flynn,	55 00
Mary J. Stephens,	28 00
Prudence S. Clay,	8 00
Kate C. Fletcher,	50 00
Hannah Ramsay,	68 00
Martha Foster,	68 00
Juline Sargent,	54 00
Reuben Kezar's family,	73 50
Betsey Simonds,	31 00
John Lynch,	5 00
Charles H. Stephens,	8 00
	<hr/> \$1654 51



*State Aid to nine months Volunteer Families.*

Paid Mrs. Ednah P. Cate,	\$51 00
Laura D. Woodward,	51 00
Mary Jane Keazer,	51 00
Hannah J. Gardner,	34 00
Susan A. Cook,	51 00
Mary S. Pevare,	48 00
Jennie R. Smith,	34 00
Charlotte A. Greene,	38 00
Alvina Colby,	51 00
Sarah A. Thompson,	17 00
Daniel T. Cate's family,	18 00
Nancy P. Whittier,	51 00
Mary Anna Bennett,	42 00
Calvin Sanborn's child,	17 00
	<hr/> \$554 00

## RECAPITULATION.

The amount received of the Treasurer, \$14736 52

Which is accounted for follows :

Paid Outstanding claims,	\$393 66
Town expenses,	660 60
Outstanding notes and interest,	614 62
Roads and bridges,	378 37
External poor,	233 13
County paupers,	258 78
Poor Farm,	781 90
Incidental,	10 00
State and county tax,	1493 33
Outstanding taxes,	384 33
Abatement of taxes,	110 50
Non-resident highway receipts,	8 47
School money,	1747 62
Bounties to three years' volunteers,	197 00
Bounties to nine months' volunteers,	4600 00
State aid to three years' volunteers families,	1654 51
State Aid to nine months' volunteers families,	554 00
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Cash in the hands of the Treasurer,	\$655 70
Note and interest against E. B. Colby, dated Feb. 15, 1862,	723 47
Note against Lewis Lord, March 5, 1863,	50 00
Due from the State, for aid paid to volunteers' families,	2208 51
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Funds in the Town Treasury,	\$3637 68

*Outstanding Notes.*

Noah M. Proctor,	\$317 08	Hiram Gordon,	\$1000 00
" "	1256 56	Julia A. Southworth,	170 00
" "	1075 00	Moses Fuller,	100 00
Wm. B. Wadsworth,	1200 00	Samuel W. Bartlett,	60 00
H. P. Eaton,	400 00	John H. Rowell,	1000 00
E. A. Sweatt,	400 00	" "	500 00
Rufus G. Burleigh,	364 63	Lewis M. Davis,	200 00
Pike & Barnard,	250 00	Hollis W. Fairbanks, jr.	100 00
Rufus G. Burleigh,	300 00	Wm. P. Kinsman,	100 00
" "	380 00	Andover Christ. Inst.	400 00
Austin F. Pike,	1000 00	" " "	272 00
John W. Richardson,	500 00	Marcus M. French,	60 00
E. G. Wallace,	150 00		
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	\$7593 27		\$3962 00
			7593 27

Interest estimated,

\$11555 27  
703 60

Total outstanding Notes against the town,  
Funds in the hands of the Town Treasurer,

\$12258 87  
3637 68

Total indebtedness of the Town,

\$8621 19

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WALLACE BURLEIGH, } *Selectmen*  
GEO. MORRISON, } *of*  
BENJ. S. HANCOCK, } *Franklin.*

The Auditor of Accounts for the town of Franklin, for the year ending March 5, 1863, has carefully examined the foregoing accounts, and finds them correctly cast and properly vouched.

JOHN WHITE, *Auditor.*

*Inmates of the Alms House.*

	Age.		Age.
Mrs. Harriet Daniels	38	Sally Clark,	66
Ellen Daniels,	12	Rosina Sanborn,	48
Frank Daniels,	9	Sarah A. Bean,	34
Mary Daniels,	6	Orretta C. Bean,	15
Hattie Daniels,	4	George Bean,	2
Perry Daniels,	2	Laura Bean,	10
Mary Jane Morrill,	23	Harriet Ash,	25
Sally Marston,	58	Charles Ash,	7
Annie Whicher,	51	Frank Ash,	5
John P. Clark,	66	Mary Ash,	3
Thomas Williams,	85	John Ash,	2
Betsey Danforth,	70		

## SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

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The Superintending School Committee of the town of Franklin submit their report for the year ending March, 1863 :—

The Board, as constituted at the beginning of the year, prosecuted its operations jointly till Mr. Smith removed from town, in the month of November. His place was supplied by Mr. J. W. Simonds ; who however, from the recent date of his appointment, has had but little opportunity to coöperate with us.

The special supervision of Districts No. 1, 2, 5 and 7 was committed to Mr. Savage ; that of No. 6, 8 and 11, to Mr. Dugan, and that of No. 4, 9 and 12, to Mr. Smith. The schools in No. 3 and 10, have been under charge of Committees appointed by those Districts respectively, and their annual reports will be found incorporated, in their appropriate places, in this Report.

The sum raised by town tax, the past year, for the support of schools is \$1400. The appropriation made from the avails of the Literary Fund is \$119.17 ; and that made from the Railroad tax is \$139.25 ; in all amounting to \$1658.42. In addition to this, District No. 3 has expended the sum of \$100, to increase the High School privileges of the scholars residing within its limits.

The whole number of scholars in town, four years of age and upwards, who have attended the public schools, two or more weeks, is 455 ; 227 males and 228 females. The following is a detailed account of the schools, by Districts :—

DISTRICT NO. 1. The *Summer Term* of 15 weeks, and the *Winter Term* of 17 weeks, were taught by Miss NANCY A. MORRILL. The whole number of scholars, in summer, was 24, and the average attendance was 22. Whole number in winter, 30 ; average attendance, 19.

The Summer school was well taught and governed. The teacher's methods of instruction and management were excellent, and the school was decidedly successful.

The Winter term commenced well. Before it had proceeded far, however, the Superintending Committee were called upon by the teacher to aid her in repressing insubordination in the school. Of course, they at once responded to the call ; and, in visiting the school, found that insubordination actually existed there, with a state of things threatening to destroy the usefulness, and even the existence of the school. They were urged by the teacher, and by some of the citizens, to dismiss from school some of the scholars



implicated in the disturbance. But it having been for many years an established rule with the Committee not to dismiss scholars summarily without allowing them opportunity to retrieve their errors, the Board decided unanimously not to dismiss at this time, but to grant another trial in the case, under the assurance that, if called on again in the affair, they would feel obliged, for the protection of the school, to expel such as should be found disturbers of its order and progress. And thus the case was left.

Sometime afterwards, a petition was addressed to the Committee, purporting to come from "a majority of all the legal voters of the school district," requesting the Board to dismiss the teacher from the school, on the ground that, in their opinion, she was not qualified to teach and govern it. Whereupon the Committee, as required by law, issued notice for a hearing of the case, in the school house of the district, on the 15th day of December, 1862, at 9 o'clock, A. M. At that time and place they were present to hear cause why the request should be granted. Issue was taken with the petitioners, by several citizens of the district, before the Committee, on a preliminary question, viz: Whether a majority of the legal voters of the district had appended their names to the petition, and consequently whether it was competent for the Committee to proceed with the hearing. During the investigation necessary for the decision of this question, the petitioners, by advice of their legal counsel present, asked leave to withdraw the petition. By this action all further proceedings in this form were quashed. At the request of the petitioners however, the Committee arranged to visit the school, the next day but one, in order to examine and fully ascertain its state; and, in the exercise of their general powers, to act in reference to teacher and scholars as, in view of all the interests involved, might seem to them just and proper.

In the meanwhile, the two parties into which the district had become divided, having severally obtained legal counsel, to aid the Committee in their investigation,—the Counsellors, with excellent feeling and judgment enacted the part of peacemakers; and, by conciliatory effort with the citizens, secured a truce to farther hostilities, so that the school, saved from destruction, was permitted to seek its noble ends in peace. At the final examination there were manifest tokens of improvement, but there were visible also decided marks of injury. When a hurricane has passed over a garden of tender plants, the necessary result is confusion and ruin; and time and toil must conspire with the beneficent energies of nature to accomplish the work of restoration.

DIST. NO. 2. The *Summer Term* of 10 weeks was kept by Miss MARTHA J. FIFIELD. Whole number, 25; average attendance, 19. This school appears to have been kept with diligence and faithfulness, and with results answering thereto. It appeared



well at its close. Two scholars, Flora L. Cross and George P. Haskell, were not absent one half day of the term.

The *Winter Term* was kept by Mr. CHURCH TABOR, Whole numben, 23; average attendance, 15. This school was much above the ordinary grade; it was managed with vigor, kindness, intelligence and success.

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDING COMMITTEE OF DISTRICT NO. 3.

In the distribution of labors among the Committee of District No. 3, the Primary department was assigned to the special care of Mr. ROWELL, the Intermediate department to Mr. PIKE, and the High School to Messrs. GILCHRIST and SAVAGE; and they make report, as follows:

**PRIMARY SCHOOL.** *Summer Term* of 12 weeks, kept by Miss HARRIET A. PIKE. Whole number of scholars, 52; average attendance, 45. This is the third term that this teacher has kept this school; and, although the scholars are all quite small, yet we are happy to report that they made commendable improvement, and that the well earned reputation as a successful and efficient teacher was well sustained. Although there were far too many cases of absence and tardiness, yet we find there is a decided improvement over any former term in this respect. We find the names of 13, who have no marks of absence or tardiness. Their names will be published in another report.

The *Autumn Term* was kept by Miss ANNIE FOSTER. The whole number of scholars was 55, and the average attendance, 45. This school is large and difficult to govern. Acquaintance with the scholars, and experience in governing children, are necessary to secure order. The teacher was earnest and tireless in her efforts, and the scholars made commendable progress, but she failed to obtain that control over them, so necessary for the highest improvement.

**THE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL** was taught by Miss ABBIE MAX FIELD. The length of each term was 12 weeks. The number of scholars during the *Spring Term* was 32, with an average attendance of 26. The number of scholars in the *Autumn Term* was 36, with an average attendance of 31.

This school was quite successful. The teacher gave it her full attention and was untiring in her efforts for the improvement of the scholars, and although the highest degree of discipline was not attained, the school was much above the average in this respect. The best order in this school cannot be secured until parents give more attention to the punctual attendance of their children. There has been improvement during the past year in the attendance at

this school, which indicates that, with due effort, this *great evil* may be remedied.

THE HIGH SCHOOL has been kept, as heretofore, in the Academy building, under an arrangement beneficial alike to both High school and Academy. During the year, there have been three terms, of 12 weeks each; the first two under the charge of Mr. A. A. SMITH, and the last under that of Mr. GEORGE M. FELLOWS. Mr. Smith, having felt constrained to enter another profession, we were reluctantly compelled to relinquish his thorough, energetic and acceptable efforts in this school.

The whole number of scholars from the district, the *first term*, was 30, with an average attendance of 22. The whole number the *second term*, was 28, with an average attendance of 26. These terms the Committee believe to have been decidedly profitable to the scholars and the district.

The whole attendance from the district, during the *Winter Term*, was 29, with an average of  $24\frac{1}{2}$ . The final examination was creditable to the instruction and the school. Mr. Fellows has come to us with high testimonials as to scholarship and ability; and we welcome him with cordial good wishes, to his post of care and labor, assuring him of appreciation, and sympathy in his efforts in behalf of the school.

In order to maintain the grade of the High School and to secure the proper distribution of the scholars in classes, the Committee have instituted a careful examination for all admitted to the High school from the district. This they regard essential to any considerable degree of efficiency in the school. The graded system now in operation promises great good; and, if well sustained, will doubtless develop results justifying the most sanguine expectations. We wish its benefits might become common to the whole town.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. T. SAVAGE,  
DANIEL GILCHRIST,  
AUSTIN F. PIKE,  
JOHN H. ROWELL,

Franklin, March 4, 1863.

DIST. NO. 4. *Summer School* of 11 weeks taught by Miss VINA A. COLLINS. Whole number, 11; average attendance, 9. Of the small number of scholars in this school, there were reported four who had not been absent one half day, and five who had no tardiness marked against their names. Considering the extent of the evil of absence from school in this town, this is encouraging. This school had a good teacher, and manifested a desire for improvement that was not without its reward.



*Winter Term*, of 10 weeks, was taught by Miss ELIZA H. MERRILL. Whole number, 16; average attendance, 12. This school was taught with vigor and accuracy, and achieved a success alike creditable to the teacher and pupils.

DIST. NO. 5. The *Summer Term* of 10 weeks was kept by Miss HELEN M. SCRIBNER. Whole number, 19; average attendance, 14. This school, the first undertaken by the teacher, was intelligently and faithfully conducted and was entirely creditable to her. At its closing examination, it gave token of commendable progress among the scholars.

The *Winter Term*, of 12 weeks, was kept by Mr. JAMES S. GARLAND. Whole number, 16; average attendance, 11. Mr. Garland is a teacher of marked thoroughness and ability; and the school afforded an excellent opportunity for the advancement of the scholars. Those that attended appeared to improve the opportunity faithfully. A few of the older scholars, unwilling to give themselves to the work of the school, after a short attendance, withdrew from it, and met with an irreparable loss. The school is highly commended.

DIST. NO. 6. *Summer Term*, of 8 weeks, taught by Miss LORENDA M. ADDISON, shows 11 different scholars. Average attendance, 8.

*Winter Term*, of 12 weeks, taught by Miss ELLEN M. MORRISON, shows 18 different scholars, and an average of  $15\frac{1}{2}$ . The teachers in this school were faithful to their charge and their efforts seemed not wholly unavailing. There was no lack on the part of the instructors.

DIST. NO. 7. There is but a single family in this district, and there has been no school reported the past year. The money appropriated for the school has not been drawn from the town treasury.

DIST. NO. 8. *Summer Term*. Teacher, Miss SYLVIA A. KIDDER. Length of term, 8 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 8; average attendance,  $6\frac{3}{4}$ .

*Winter Term*. Teacher, Miss AMANDA M. INGALLS. Length, 12 weeks. Number of scholars, 19; average attendance, 16. The teachers were *alive* and infused the living element into the school. Hence there was growth there,—marked growth,—such as your Committee has seldom witnessed. The deportment of the scholars was praise-worthy, their promptness in answering questions, admirable, and their familiarity with the branches taught, showed the diligence of the teachers of both terms, to do their work *well*. “I have aimed at *thoroughness*,” said the first, “rather than to pass over much ground,” and it was evident that she and her successor achieved their desire in this.

DIST. NO. 9. The *Summer Term* of 8 weeks, was taught by Miss CLARA A. CLISBY. Whole number of scholars, 20; average attendance, 17. The teacher was devoted and faithful; and the scholars seemed quite willing to be improved.

*Winter Term* of 10 weeks, was taught by Miss MARTHA R. GOODWIN. Whole number of scholars, 18; average attendance, 16. Miss Goodwin is too well known in town as a teacher, to need any endorsement here, and the reputation she has so long enjoyed, was the promise of her success in this school. Of this school, the same is true, as of many scholars in other schools. In order to secure the highest improvement, the pupils need to exercise their minds less about what classes they shall be in, and what grade of books they shall use, *assuming* to know all that precedes, and give their strength more to the mastery of the lessons assigned by the teacher, who is supposed to be better able to judge where and how the lesson may be most profitably learned.

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF DISTRICT NO. 10.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT. The *Summer Term* of 18 weeks, also the *Winter Term* of 14 weeks, were taught by Miss FRANCES E. WOODFORD. Miss Woodford has successfully taught this school for the last two years, and the Committee feel that her services cannot be too highly commended. The advancement of the pupils under her instruction, as well as the general department and management of the school have been highly satisfactory. Whole number of scholars for the summer term, 60; average attendance, 51. Winter term,—whole number of scholars, 53; average attendance, 47½.

ADVANCED DEPARTMENT. The *Summer Term* was taught by Miss MARTHA R. GOODWIN. Length of term, 18 weeks, Whole number of scholars, 47; average attendance, 34. Miss Goodwin has been employed as teacher in this district for several years, and her services in both the primary and advanced departments have been alike creditable and profitable. The school this term, as formerly, has exhibited the fruits of her faithfulness.

The *Winter Term* was taught by Mr. JEREMIAH E. AYERS. Length of term, 14 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 53; average attendance, 46. Mr. Ayers has exhibited industry, zeal and energy in the management of the school, and has been successful in promoting the advancement of the scholars. The pupils have been punctual in their attendance, and have manifested an interest in their studies highly commendable. The success of the school is very satisfactory.

The Committee, while they think there is a decided improve-



ment in the schools the past year, would urge upon parents the importance of having their children in school at the proper time. Absence and tardiness are serious evils, and the remedy is in the hands of parents.

CHARLES GARLAND,	} <i>Superintending</i>
N. H. SANBORN,	
A. B. CLOSSON,	
	<i>School</i>
	<i>Committee.</i>

March 2, 1863.

DIST. No. 11. *Summer and Winter Terms*, of 8 and 10 weeks respectively, taught by Miss SARAH E. ELLIOTT, shows, the first term 8 scholars, with an average of 7; and the second term 11 scholars, with an average of  $8\frac{1}{4}$ . The school showed manifest progress and a commendable degree of thoroughness. The teacher's patience and perseverance were more than ordinary.

DIST. No. 12, in union with an adjacent territory in Northfield, from which most of the scholars came, reports only 4 scholars from Franklin, with an average attendance of 3. The teachers were Miss MARIA JONES, in *Summer*, and Miss AUGUSTA HOYT, in *Winter*; and the schools appear to have been satisfactory to the district.

In reviewing the state of the schools the past year, the Committee discover marks of progress sufficient to encourage the friends of education to persevering effort and zeal in the noble cause. Improvement is manifest in the increased efficiency of teachers; and we believe there is an increasing call on the part of the citizens, in different parts of the town, for a higher grade of qualification in those employed to instruct in the schools.

There is one prominent defect still remaining, in the operation of nearly or quite all the schools in the town, though a decided improvement on the point has commenced in some: we refer to irregularity of attendance, and tardiness, on the part of scholars. We have reports from all the schools on these particulars; and they clearly demonstrate that one sixth part of all school privileges of the town the past year, was thrown away, on account of the absence from school of scholars belonging to them and professing to attend them. The average length of the school terms was twelve weeks and a small fraction; and by the aggregate result it is found, that from each one of these terms throughout the town, two weeks were thrown away in this manner; while from some of the schools the number of the tardinesses reported is enormous. In one school of 12 weeks, and 18 scholars, there are 257 tardinesses reported, and this in addition to  $166\frac{1}{2}$  days altogether lost from the non-attendance of scholars belonging to the school. The defect here referred to involves the loss of so much of the



children's planting-time, in the spring of an endless existence, and of course the sacrifice of all the money invested in the lost school privileges. Nor is this the whole of the evil wrought. It acts powerfully to diminish the benefits of the school for the scholars who regularly attend; renders its operations irregular; retards the progress of the classes; impairs government, and lowers the spirit of teacher and scholars. The remedy of this evil rests in great degree with the parents at home; and their coöperation with the efforts of the teachers is earnestly solicited, in order to overcome it.

In view of the troubles that have occurred in District No. 1, the Committee would call attention to the importance of settling in the Annual District Meetings all questions liable to agitate the harmony of the schools. There, everything can be fully and openly discussed, and, by the major vote, authoritatively decided, so that no question can afterwards arise thereupon. All points having reference to the time of commencement of schools; whether male or female teachers shall be employed; what rate of compensation shall be given, and other unsettled matters, may be most satisfactorily canvassed and determined, and the best results secured. But, however these subjects may be disposed of, no controversy of any sort should ever be permitted to enter the precincts of the school room. This place, like the sanctuary of home, and like the house of God, should be held sacred to the high object to which it is dedicated. To develop and strengthen, to enlighten and adorn the minds and hearts of the young is a work, that should engage the sympathies, and command the protecting power, of every citizen and friend of God and man. There is no greater interest committed to the fostering care of the town and Commonwealth. A good and prosperous school returns to the community in which it is found, a hundred fold for all the cost and care bestowed upon its establishment and vigorous maintenance.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. T. SAVAGE.	} <i>Superintending</i>	
H. C. DUGAN,		<i>School</i>
A. SMITH,		<i>Committee.</i>

FRANKLIN, March 5, 1863.

## STATISTICAL TABLE.

Districts.	No. Scholars in each Dist.	Apportionment to each Dist.	Proportion to each Scholar.	Whole amount of School Money for the year.
1	23	\$172 63	\$5 23	
2	32	102 06	3 31	
3	140	489 29	3 49	
4	16	80 37	5 05	
5	23	107 14	4 66	Raised by the Town, . . \$1400 00
6	20	67 12	3 36	Literary Fund, . . . . 119 17
7		20 94		Railroad tax appropri- ated to schools, . . . 129 25
8	21	68 83	3 28	
9	21	71 22	3 39	
10	127	387 55	3 05	
11	18	65 84	3 66	
12	4	34 47	8 62	
	455	\$1638 56	3 67	\$1658 32

Books Authorized to be used in the public schools of Franklin :

READING : Town & Holbrook's Progressive Series.

SPELLING : Town's Progressive Speller.

ARITHMETIC : Greenleaf's Series.

GEOGRAPHY : Mitchell's Primary ; Smith's Geography and Atlas.

GRAMMAR : Weld and Quackenbos' ; Parsing Book.

HISTORY : Goodrich's History of the United States.

PHYSIOLOGY : Cutter's.

ALGEBRA : Robinson's New Elementary.

GEOMETRY : Greenleaf's.

